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REMARKS


This Preliminary Amendment puts the claims into proper form for examination. Note that claims 3-5, 9-10 and 12-13 have been amended; new claims 14-25 have been added; and claims 1-2, 6-8 and 11 remain unchanged. Kindly calculate the filing fee based on the amended claims.

****This Application contains a translation of the Abstract as it was when originally filed by the Applicant. No account has been taken of any changes that may have been made subsequently by the PCT Authorities acting ex officio, e.g., under PCT Rules 37.2, 38.2, and/or 48.3.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter which would expedite allowance of the present application.

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Enclosure

Red-lined claims for the Examiner's convenience:

3/ A material according to claim ~~1 or claim 2~~, characterized in that it is a multilayer material.

4/ A material according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~, characterized in that it is mono- or bi-oriented.

5/ A method of making a hot-tensioned false ceiling, by hot-tensioning a material of the kind presented in ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~, in a false ceiling obtained by assembling rails, the method being characterized in that it comprises:

- a step of selecting designs to be printed on the material, said designs being mono- or polychromatic and being capable of being modified in shape, color, proportions, and dispositions, said designs being digitized and recorded in a computer memory of a system for controlling a printing machine; and

- a step of printing the selected design on the flexible polymer material in sheet form.

9/ A method according to ~~any one of claims 6 to 8~~, characterized in that the printing is performed on a plurality of bonded-

together strips of material, and in particular is performed over the zones in which the strips are bonded together edge to edge.

10/ A method according to ~~any one of claims 6 to 8~~, characterized in that the printing is performed on each strip of material with the strips being assembled together by bonding performed after the printing.

12/ A false ceiling obtained by implementing the method presented in ~~any one of claims 5 to 11~~, characterized in that a catch member ~~(5)~~ is defined in the frame ~~(3)~~ of the false ceiling, the catch member being capable of receiving a margin member ~~(4)~~ disposed along the periphery of the sheet of flexible polymer material that is hot-tensioned in said frame ~~(3)~~.

13/ A false ceiling according to claim 12, characterized in that the margin member ~~(4)~~ is bonded close to the peripheral edge ~~(7)~~ of the tensioned sheet, said bonding being hidden from view by portions ~~(8)~~ of the rails of the frame ~~(3)~~.